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1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT USUN COORDINATE WITH OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS IN MAJOR EFFORT TO BLOCK DNEPROVSKY'S ASSIGNMENT TO UNOG. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW OF THE ACTION USUN TAKES AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RESPONSE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF STATE 135960, WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT DNEPROVSKY WOULD BE WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, PATRICIO RUEDAS, OF SPAIN, OUR IMPRESSION, NEVERTHELESS, IS THAT THE CHIEF OF PERSONNEL DIVISION EXERCISES A GREAT DEAL OF AUTONOMY. MOREOVER, WHILE IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT A UK CITIZEN, MR. BRIAN DUKE, WILL REMAIN AS CHIEF OF THE SECRETARIAT RECRUITMENT SECTION, IT WAS DUKE HIMSELF WHO FIRST BROUGHT DNEPROVSKY'S IMPENDING APPOINTMENT TO OUR ATTENTION. IT WAS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT HE DID SO DELIBERATELY BECAUSE HE
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WAS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PROSPECTS. (THIS INFORMATION SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE PROTECTED.) KEEPING IN MIND, ALSO, THAT THE HEAD OF THE RECRUITMENT UNIT IMMEDIATELY UNDER DUKE IS N. STARIKOVA, IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT DUKE WILL FIND HIMSELF SOMEWHAT HEMMED IN FROM BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW. WE REPEAT ONCE AGAIN THAT THERE IS STILL A THIRD SOVIET, V. NIKOLAIKO, WORKING IN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

RECRUITMENT SERVICE SO THAT THE ENTIRE PERSONNEL DIVISION
WILL BE HEAVILY LOADED WITH SOVIET CITIZENS IN KEY SLOTS.
WE SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT A SOVIET CITIZEN,
V.K. LOBATCHEV, ALSO HEADS UP THE CONFERENCE AND GENERAL
SERVICES AREA AND IS A CO-EQUAL TO RUEDAS. LOBATCHEV'S
DEPUTY IS A SOVIET CITIZEN AS WELL, V.S. NEZNAENKO.
WE THINK THAT THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS A
DELIBERATE EFFORT TO HEAVILY LOAD THIS ENTIRE AREA WITH
SOVIET NATIONALS IN KEY POSITIONS AND THAT IT IS IN OUR
PARAMOUNT INTEREST TO STOP IT NOW. VANDEN HEUVEL

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